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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ANET, ETEL, NO  
SUBJECT: TAT 7 DEMARCHE

1. MFA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SPOKESMAN NORD HANDED EMBASSY  
ECONOMIC OFFICER FOLLOWING QUOTE AIDE MEMOIRE UNQUOTE FEBRUARY  
17 AND NOTED 28 CEPT COUNTRIES HAVE MADE OR WILL MAKE PARALLEL  
APPROACHES TO USG.

2. BEGIN TEXT :

A. AT A NORTH ATLANTIC SYSTEMS CONFERENCE IN FEBRUARY 1977  
CONVENED TO ASSESS THE ABILITY OF THE EXISTING TRANS-ATLANTIC  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK TO HANDLE THE FORECAST GROWTH IN  
DEMAND, THE UNITED STATES' AND CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNI-  
CATIONS CARRIERS AND THE EUROPEAN CEPT (THE GROUPING OF 28  
INDEPENDENT EUROPEAN POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADMINISTRA-  
TIONS) DECIDED UNANIMOUSLY THAT A NEW TRANSATLANTIC SUBMARINE  
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CABLE (TAT 7) WAS REQUIRED IN 1981 AND THAT IT SHOULD LAND IN  
THE UNITED STATES AND THE UNITED KINGDOM.

B. CONCURRENTLY WITH THE U.S. FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
(FCC), THE CEPT DREW UP ITS OWN MASTER PLAN ON NORTH ATLANTIC  
FACILITIES WHICH WAS ENDORSED BY ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED,  
INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES AND CANADIANS.

C. IN DECEMBER 1977 THE FCC SET DOWN GUIDELINES WHICH EXCLUDE THE INSTALLATION OF ANY NEW TRANSANTIC SUBMARINE CABLE SYSTEM BEFORE THE END OF 1985.

D. THE NORWEGIAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADMINISTRATION, TOGETHER WITH ALL THE OTHER EUROPEAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS ADMINISTRATIONS INVOLVED AND THE U.S. AND CANADIAN CARRIERS ARE, HOWEVER, UNANIMOUS IN CONCLUDING THAT THIS NEW TRANSATLANTIC SUBMARINE CABLE SYSTEM IS A DESIREABLE AND FULLY JUSTIFIED PART OF THE NETWORK AND THAT IT SHOULD BE BUILT BY 1981.

E. CONSEQUENTLY, THE ROYAL NORWEGIAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REQUESTS THE GOOD OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN BRINGING THE VIEWS OF THE ADMINISTRATIONS INVOLVED TO THE ATTENTION OF THE FCC AND IN DEVISING A BASIS WHICH WILL ALLOW THE MATTER TO BE REOPENED AND A MASTER PLAN SATISFACTORY TO ALL PARTIES TO BE WORKED OUT. END TEXT.  
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